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I firmly believe that the agreed to settlement with Microsoft is not in the best interest of the consumer, especially the business organizations. As a Systems Integrator, I have witnessed first hand the tactics by Microsoft to force expensive upgrades in order to continue "business as usual", and I believe the settlement will allow Microsoft to not continue those practices but increase the tactics' impact.

I believe that the settlement should be revised to force Microsoft to unbundle their products so that consumers have a choice in what they install or de-install.

Also, the settlement allowing Microsoft to put more of its product in public schools does nothing more than allow Microsoft to further ingrain themselves in consumer homes and businesses. This builds more of a monopoly than Microsoft already has. At the very least, the settlement should be for Microsoft to give the equivalent money to public schools and allow the school administration to buy systems that better suite their needs -- including Apple Macintosh and/or Linux systems.

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